HB 1023 -- Possession of Child Pornography

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Currently, a person commits the crime of possession of child pornography, a class C felony, if he or she possesses any child pornography or obscene material portraying what appears to be a minor less than 18 years of age.

This bill specifies that possession of child pornography is a class D felony if the person possesses one still image of child pornography or one obscene still image.

Currently, the possession of child pornography is a class B felony if the person possesses more than 20 still images or one video of child pornography or has previously pleaded or been found guilty of the offense. The bill also makes it a class B felony to possess more than 20 obscene still images or one obscene video.

The bill specifies that a person who has committed the offense of possession of child pornography is subject to separate punishments for each item of child pornography or obscene material he or she possesses.

The bill contains an emergency clause.